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AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on June 18, 1998. Attached is a Petition for a three-month extension of time. Please amend the application as described below.